HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C. Attorney Docket No. 3518.1013-000 UTILITY ENT APPLICATION First Named Inventor or Shawn D. Stad Application Identifier TRANSMITTAL new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)) Express Mail Label No. EV214943243US Title of Invention ATTACHMENT MECHANISM FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENT Mail Stop Patent Application APPLICATION ELEMENTS Commissioner for Patents ADDRESS TO: See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 6. [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission Fee Transmittal Form 1. [] (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing) (if applicable, all necessary) a. [] Computer Readable Form 2. [X] Total Pages [14] Specification (preferred arrangement set forth below) Paper Copy (identical to computer copy) b. [] - Descriptive title of the invention Cross References to Related Applications] Pages Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D c. [] Statements verifying identity of above copies Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix Background of the Invention **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS** Brief Summary of the Invention 7. [] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents) Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) **Detailed Description** [X] Assignee - DePuy AcroMed, Inc. Claim(s) Raynham, Massachusetts Abstract of the Disclosure 8. [] Power of Attorney [] 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement 3. [X] Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets [6] [X] Fig. of the Drawings for Publication 9. [] English Translation Document (if applicable) [] No Figure to be Published 10. [] Information Disclosure [] Copies of IDS Citations 4. [] Oath or Declaration Total Pages [] Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 a. [] Newly executed (original or copy) 11. [] Preliminary Amendment b. [] Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)) 12. [X] Return Receipt Postcard (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed) 13. [] Small Entity Statement(s) i. [] DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting 14a. [] Foreign Priority Claim under 35 U.S.C. §119 or 365 inventor(s) named in the prior 14b. [] Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) 15. [] Nonpublication Request (check parent application) and 1.33(b). CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer 16. [] Other Program (Appendix) 17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box; supply the requisite information. [] Continuation [] Divisional [] Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: Prior application information: Group Art Unit: Examiner: The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference. (Add standard Related Applications section with incorporation by reference to specification or update same) CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Customer No. 021005 NAME HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C. **ADDRESS** 530 Virginia Road, P.O. Box 9133 CITY STATE 01742-9133 Concord MA ZIP CODE COUNTRY **USA TELEPHONE** (978) 341-0036 (978) 341-0136 **FAX**

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